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Three hundred and four prisoners of war who were captured or surrendered to

- Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) forces in North Vietnam before July 1951 were sent to Lungchou in early August where they were held temporarily in the custody of Kwangsi military authorities. They were then taken to Manning for indoctrination and are being held in the jail on Hsingning Road.
- While the majority of these troops are German, Filipino or other nationalities, nine French officers are included among them. They are being well treated and receive the standard Chinese Communist "political education" courses.
- The prisoners are primarily technicians and are now being classified according to their skills and organized into groups according to their interests and abilities. After a period of brief training, they will be assigned to duty in various Chinese Communist technical agencies.

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